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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

FEBRUARY 4, 1870.

Read, referred and ordered to be printed.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

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# REPORT

OF THE

# JOINT COMMITTEE,

APPOINTED BY

ACT OF ASSEMBLY,

PASSED JANUARY SESSION, 1868,

TO PURCHASE A LOT AND ERECT A MANSION  
FOR THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE.

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*To the General Assembly of Maryland:*

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by an Act of the General Assembly, passed March, 1868, entitled "An Act appointing a Committee with authority to purchase a lot or lots of ground, in the City of Annapolis, and causing to be erected thereon a Mansion for the Governor of this State, and making an appropriation therefor," make the following report to your Honorable Body:

The amount appropriated by the above mentioned Act, as will be found by reference thereto, for the purchase of the ground and erection of the Mansion, was one hundred thousand dollars.

The Committee selected as a site for the Mansion the three lots of ground owned respectively by Mrs. M. E. Green, Mr. J. W. Allen and wife, and George E. Franklin. This selection was approved by the General Assembly at its last session. The cost of the ground selected and conveyancing, was thirty-one thousand and thirty-five dollars and seventy-five cents, leaving the sum of sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixty-four dollars and twenty-five cents for the erection of a Mansion.

Colonel R. Snowden Andrews having been selected as the architect and builder of the proposed Mansion, was requested to furnish plans therefor, to be submitted to the Committee. In accordance with this request, a plan was submitted to the Committee which met their approval, and Colonel Andrews was directed to furnish the Committee with an estimate of the cost of a building according to the plan selected. This

estimate, the original of which marked Exhibit A, accompanies and is part of this report, was furnished, showing that a building erected on the said plan would cost sixty-nine thousand four hundred and forty-seven dollars. Whereupon Colonel Andrews was directed to proceed with the erection of the building in accordance with the said plan and estimates. This building has since been completed, but the Committee regret to find, from an account presented by the architect as a claim for extra cost over and above the estimate, that the cost has largely exceeded the estimate furnished as aforesaid by the architect before the work was commenced. The Committee refer to the accompanying Exhibits forming part of this report. Exhibit B, showing the amount already paid by the Comptroller on the order of the said Committee, and Exhibit C,—the amount stated to be yet due by the architect, and unpaid.

The amount shown by Exhibit B, as having been already paid, is \$62,067.83, leaving in the hands of the comptroller \$6,896.47 of the appropriation in the Act above referred to, to be appropriated toward the payment of the claim made by Exhibit C, against the State by the architect and builder, Colonel Andrews.

Your Committee would, however, state in this connection, that in the estimated cost of the erection of said building, there was no provision made for the heating thereof, there being some reason at the time, to believe that a plan would be adopted of connecting the building with the apparatus used in heating the State House, this not having been done, the Committee authorized a heating apparatus to be placed in the new Mansion, at a cost of \$2,500, relying upon an appropriation being made by the Legislature, to pay for the same. The Committee also authorized the expenditure of \$844, to be paid for properly insuring the building during the course of its erection.

These expenditures, \$2,500 for heating, and \$844 for insurance, were authorized by the Committee over and above the amount appropriated, as being so necessary, that the propriety would scarcely be questioned by the Legislature.



The Act of Assembly above referred to, made no provision for enclosing the grounds connected with the Mansion. The Committee believed that this omission was not contemplated by the Legislature, but they were embarrassed in authorizing the erection of a suitable railing in the absence of an appropriation for that purpose. Two parties, Mr. James Touchstone and Mr. William H. Johnson, offered to put up a suitable iron railing at a cost of \$18,176.05, according to the accompanying estimate, marked Exhibit D, and relieve the Committee of all responsibility by signifying their willingness to depend upon the Legislature making an appropriation for their payment. On these terms, these gentlemen were permitted to proceed with the work which is now in course of erection.

The Act of Assembly made no appropriation for the erection of a stable in connection with this building, an out building that had always been one of those connected with the old Government Mansion. The Committee being unable to provide for the building of such a stable in the absence of any appropriation, Mr. Wm. Black, of the City of Annapolis, signified his willingness to erect one for \$7,000, in addition to the cost of a lot \$775, and to await an appropriation by the Legislature to pay him for the cost thereof. With this understanding, as in the case of the railing, he was permitted to proceed with the erection of said stable which is now completed. There is also a claim made for extra cost of the stable, marked exhibit E.

This Committee can only say in reference to the extra cost of the Mansion and stable above, the estimates furnished by the architect and builder and relied upon by the Committee, that the work has been well and faithfully done, and they hope your Honorable body will give the claim made for extra cost a full consideration. Making due allowance for the enhancement in value of labor and material after the commencement of the buildings, and especially the cost of transportation of the material to this locality, and the difficulty of obtaining proper labor in this vicinity, the Committee would state that the Governor is ex-officio a member of this Committee and that Governor Bowie did not become a member thereof until the beginning of his term of office, after the house had been commenced and had been nearly completed.

There is still an amount of about twelve hundred dollars due the State from the sale of old and new materials not required in the erection of the building, this is to be credited on account of the claim for extra cost of the Mansion.

Very Respectfully Yours,

ODEN BOWIE,

*Ex-Officio Chairman,*

WM. CARROLL WALSH,

FERDINAND C. LATROBE,

JOHN S. BROWN,

THOS. W. HAMMOND.

*Committee.*





